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Three seats must still be filled to complete appointments to the state's new Gaming Commission. Attorney General Martha Coakley announced her appointment yesterday as Gayle Cameron, a former detective assigned to the Casino Gaming Bureau in New Jersey. Gov. Deval Patrick's appointment is the only other person seated on the commission.

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Today's local tweet

"This bus smells like Patrick Ewing's post game jock strap. #MBTA"

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▶ It's getting crowded.

MBTA ridership continues to climb

BOSTON. Ridership on the MBTA has grown for 12 straight months, with average weekday numbers going up for every mode of transportation in the month of January.

According to MBTA officials, the system-wide average on weekdays in January also increased by 10.2 percent over last January's total, setting a new record for that month. Green Line and bus ridership both increased nearly 14 percent over last January. Ferry ridership increased nearly 16 percent, while the Red, Orange and Blue lines increased about 8 percent.

Reports show that ridership averaged at 1.27 million passenger trips per weekday in January.

In a news release, T officials said January ridership isn't usually heavy; however, last month is believed to have been the busiest January in decades, passing ridership levels typically seen during the fall months.

Officials attributed the growth to factors such as "the state's continued economic and employment growth" mixed with higher gas prices and the "unseasonably mild weather this winter."

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Cops arrest BU student

BOSTON. Another assault occurred at Boston University's campus over the weekend, this time involving a student who allegedly groped a woman studying in the library.

According to the Daily Free Press, police arrested Prateek Jain, 19, for assault and battery after he allegedly put his hands under the woman's shirt while she sat at a desk inside the Mugar Memorial Library Sunday night.

Jain, a BU student, pleaded not guilty Monday, according to reports. He is due back in court next month. METRO

Indictment for Malden man

MALDEN. A 36-year-old Malden man will face a judge today after being indicted for allegedly making threats to kill a district attorney, cops and witnesses.

Sean Kearney was previously indicted for a 2010 Everett bank robbery.

He allegedly made attempts and threats in letters and in phone calls to have a district attorney, police and witnesses killed. METRO

Died this way? Activists protest in Gaga's name

Group plans rally to bring justice to gays persecuted at Harvard in the 1920s Protesters asking for Gaga's help as she unveils new foundation

Members of the Harvard community have high hopes that Lady Gaga will poke her face into university affairs and help bring justice to students that were persecuted for being gay in the 1920s.

As the university partners with Gaga to launch the "Born This Way Foundation" today, activists will hold a rally outside of the event, asking administrators to award posthumous degrees to nine students expelled by a "Secret Court" launched by the school's president almost a century ago.

The group is also asking the school to formally abolish the tribunal.

"It's time to ensure these students receive justice," said Kaia Stern, a visiting faculty member at Harvard. "If we can bring this to the light of day, perhaps … they will do right going forward."

Stern started a petition alongside Their Day in the Yard, an on-campus group formed to help the deceased students achieve recognition. The group has garnered the support of nearly 3,000 people.

Stern and supporters will honor those persecuted with a moment of silence outside of Harvard's Sanders Theater, where Gaga is hosting her event.

"Given their mission, we are hoping this is something they will support," said the founder of Their Day in the Yard, who asked to remain anonymous.

Lady Gaga will launch the "Born This Way Foundation" on Harvard's campus alongside her mother, entertainment mogul Oprah Winfrey and Harvard professors.

The foundation aims at fighting bullying while promoting self-confidence, mentoring and career development through research, education and advocacy.

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▶ The Mother Monster will take over Harvard today.

Secret time line

While nearly a century old, the actions of the court came to light only a decade ago.

- The "Secret Court" convened for the first time in 1920 to investigate charges of homosexuality on campus.
- One student committed suicide amidst investigations.
- Others were banned from Cambridge.
- The court remained a secret for decades until a Crimson reporter uncovered it in 2002.
- When the news broke, then-president Lawrence Summers expressed his deep regrets.

Kin are keen to Gaga movement

According to Their Day in the Yard, the grandchildren of "Secret Court" member Dean Kenneth Murdock would like to see justice for the expelled students.

"I wish to express my support to the families and individuals fighting to get restitution," said David Max Steinberg, Murdock's grandson, on the group's website.

Businesses get in on the Gaga visit

Several restaurants around Harvard Square will be donating portions of their proceeds to Lady Gaga's new foundation. At FiRE+iCE, for example, 20 percent of all dessert sales will go to "Born This Way Foundation," and if you mention the Lady Gaga special at Crazy Dough's, the pizzeria will throw in 10 percent of its own dough.

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Search. Franco Garcia

▶ The search around the Chestnut Hill Reservoir continued yesterday for missing Boston College student Franco Garcia.

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Water search for student negative again

The State Police Underwater Recovery Unit will return today to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir for a third day in an attempt to search for clues in the disappearance of Boston College student Franco Garcia. Garcia was last seen at Mary Ann's bar in Brighton one week ago and is believed to have been in the area of the reservoir around 1:15 a.m. the night he went missing. Police conducted a four-hour search yesterday, but found nothing. METRO

T Riders Union has come to the rescue

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▶ From left, this is David Jenkins, Khalida Smalls, Jessica Pomare, Jeremy Hanson and Rene Mardones.

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's ... the T Riders Union dressed up as superheroes?

Yesterday, members of the advocacy group flew to the MBTA's rescue wearing tights, capes and face masks to present five immediate ways transportation officials could fix the looming $161 million budget deficit without axing services and spiking fare prices.

"The need for a fare increase is a lie," said one of the superheroes, David Jenkins. "There are alternate solutions [to close the gap]. We are proof of that."

Calling themselves "The Fast Five," each member donned a solution on their chest and names like "Massport Hero," and "UPass Hero," during a Finance Committee meeting at the state transportation building.

The stunt was yet another way groups have put public pressure on the T to find ways to avoid service cuts and fare hikes.

The faux-avengers' mission highlighted ideas like using unspent MassDOT snow-removal funds to fix the T's deficit and allowing Massport to take over operations of the Silver Line and ferries.

In total, the group said their solutions would potentially save the MBTA $224.6 million.

"They are pushing people into a corner when there are other options we can pursue," said Khalida Smalls. "We're not here to beat them over the head, we just want our system to be fixed."

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Former Newton teacher to face more charges

The Newton elementary school teacher accused of sexually assaulting a young girl, allegedly had pictures of children from his school on his computer.

The Middlesex district attorney's office said yesterday that David Ettlinger, 34, of Brighton, had on his computer pictures he apparently took of students from the school where he worked. The pictures were not pornographic, authorities said.

"While certainly troubling that someone charged with such crimes would possess photos of their child, the pictures were non-pornographic and therefore noncriminal," the Middlesex district attorney's office said in a statement.

After the discovery, which was made by police during the course of their investigation, authorities alerted the parents of the children identified in the pictures.

Ettlinger was indicted earlier this month on five counts of aggravated indecent assault and battery on a child under 14, posing a child in a state of nudity, possession of child pornography and secretly recording a partially nude person.

He pleaded not guilty.

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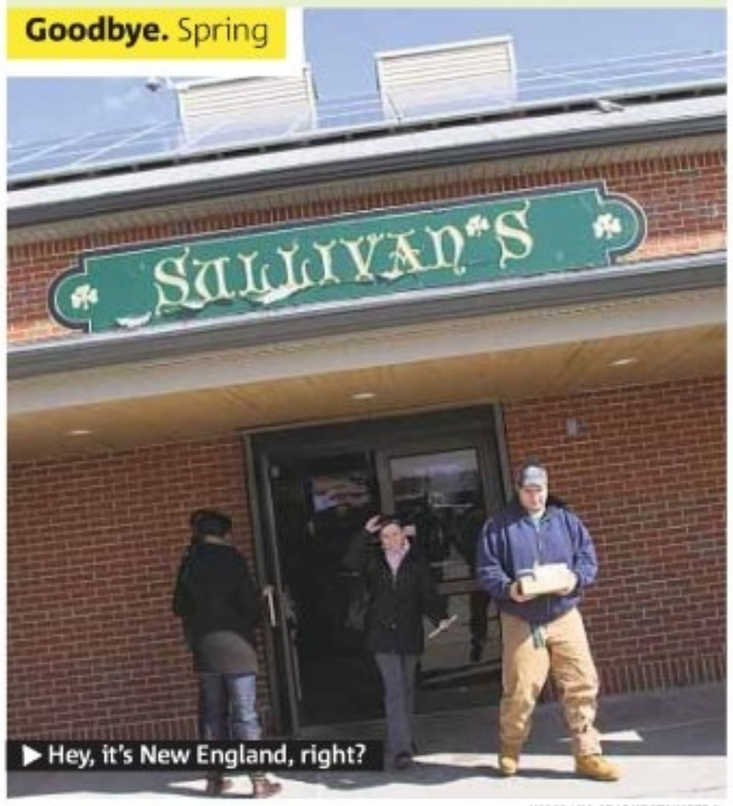
More charges

Ettlinger is facing more charges after a grand jury in Suffolk County indicted him yesterday for sexually assaulting two children and recording the abuse. He will be arraigned tomorrow.

Goodbye. Spring



▶ Hey, it's New England, right?

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Winter finally arriving in Hub?

Although signs of spring have been around for weeks — including the opening of Sullivan's on Castle Island last weekend — winter will be upon us today. The forecast called for snow mainly after 2 p.m. It was expected to accumulate between 2 and 4 inches in Boston later tonight, according to the National Weather Service. METRO

Menino touts Boston Bikes success in report

BOSTON. Mayor Thomas Menino again emphasized that "the car is no longer king in Boston" as he released the results of the Boston Bikes Annual Report yesterday.

The report highlighted the launch of bicycle sharing program Hubway and the 1,150 average rides per day made in the program's first year.

Because more bicycles were set to take to the city's roads, targeted enforcement campaigns were aimed at bikers and drivers and netted hundreds of citations.

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Cumulative miles of bike lanes in Boston as of last year. Bike lanes increased by about 17 miles over 2010. The lanes were not existent in the city in 2007, according to the report.

This year, Boston Bikes plans to continue to expand its programs, according to the report. METRO

Girl who saved mother's life gets award

CAMBRIDGE. A 9-year-old Cambridge girl was honored recently as a hero for saving her mother's life.

Priscilla Tsagli's mother accidentally swallowed a calcium gel cap, which became lodged in her throat.

Tsagli called 911 and brought help to her mother.

Dispatcher William Porter was able to keep the girl calm until help arrived.

"Because of both of their efforts, Priscilla's mother is alive and well today," said George Fosque, director of the city's emergency communications department. METRO

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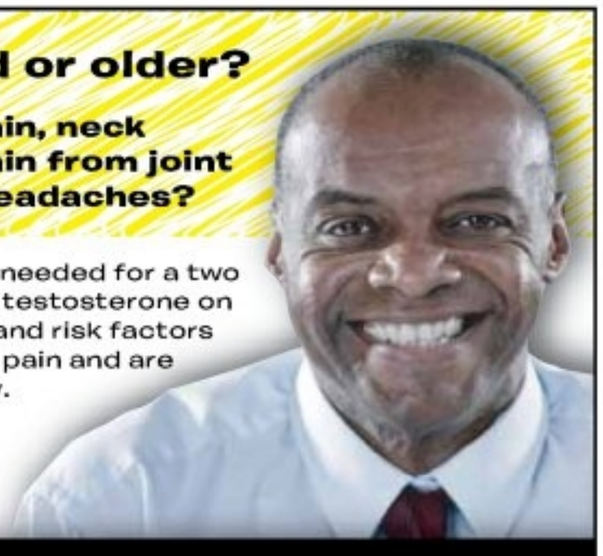

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9/11 victims' remains ended up in landfill

Partial remains from some victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks ended up in a landfill, according to a Pentagon report released yesterday that also revealed other blunders at the U.S. military's main mortuary.

The Pentagon report said that several portions of remains found from the attack on the Pentagon and at the Pennsylvania crash site of a hijacked airliner presumably ended up in a landfill after being handed over to a private firm.

It did not say precisely where the remains ended up.

Retired General John Abizaid, briefing Pentagon reporters on the findings of the review of practices at the mortuary at Dover Air Force Base, said it was unclear how many Sept. 11 victims' partial remains were disposed of in this manner.

"I don't know that there's a way to find out," Abizaid said.

The details were disclosed in passing in a report that focused on ways to improve oversight and controls of the Dover mortuary after the disclosure last year of the mishandling of remains of war dead. **REUTERS**

Previous mistake

In 2006, the mortuary accidentally disposed of remains from a crashed Navy training aircraft as medical waste, as opposed to giving them a group burial.

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▶ A report says the remains of 9/11 victims were mishandled by the military's main mortuary.

Romney, Santorum see tight race in Michigan

SOUTHFIELD, MICH. Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum were neck and neck as votes trickled in from Michigan's Republican presidential primary yesterday, with Romney fighting to avoid a humiliating defeat in the Rust Belt State where he grew up.

With 25 percent of precincts reporting at press time, Romney led Santorum by 41 percent to 38 percent. Texas Congressman Ron Paul claimed 11 percent and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich had 7 percent.

In Arizona, Romney rolled to an easy victory. Television networks declared him the winner there as soon as polls closed at 9 p.m. EST.

But the stakes are particularly high for Romney in Michigan, where he was born and raised and where his father was a popular governor in the 1960s. **REUTERS**

Two more teens die after Ohio school shooting

CHARDON, OHIO. Two more students have been pronounced dead from wounds suffered in Monday's shooting rampage at an Ohio high school, authorities said yesterday, as the shaken suburban Cleveland town prepared for a vigil for the five teenage victims of the attack.

Demetrius Hewlin and Russell King Jr., 17, were both declared dead, a spokesman for Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's office said, adding to the toll from the mayhem at Chardon High School.

Daniel Parmertor, 16, was declared dead on Monday. Two other students were still hospitalized yesterday with gunshot wounds. **REUTERS**

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GOP campaign circus still too close to call

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We've been gone for a little while and boy has a whole lot changed. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is considered the front-runner of a race no one seems particularly excited about finishing. In a classic case of Romneying, the well-to-do politician explained to NASCAR afficionados that he, too, enjoys the popular Southern pastime — especially considering that several of his friends own teams! And Restore Our Future, the super PAC backing Romney, has unleashed a torrent of negative ads attacking his current closest contender, Rick Santorum, who until rather recently was actually leading in a series of nationwide polls.

What a world of difference a week and a half can make!

Well, the whole narrative may — but most probably won't — change today when with any luck the winner(s) of yesterday's two qualifying contests, in Michigan and Arizona, are announced. The results are expected to arrive too late for us to do any substantial analysis today; we'll save that for tomorrow, and leave the guesswork to the experts.

Experts such as poll analyst Nate Silver, who thinks Michigan — Romney's home state, though one he's antagonized by strongly opposing Obama-led auto bailouts that seem to have led to a strengthened local industry and the saving of millions of jobs — could go either way. Most polls, meanwhile, show Arizona leaning strongly in Romney's favor.

Regardless of who wins, though, the campaign environment isn't likely to undergo a drastic change. Will an unrealistic double-rout by Santorum compel Romney to cede the race to his rival? Not likely. Nor will the more plausible double Romney win convince Santorum et al that they've missed their chance. Ron Paul is still playing the long game, hoping to pick up enough consolation delegates to buy some more establishment support for his libertarian ideas. And then there's Gingrich: Educated guessing on the future intentions of that guy likely eludes even experts like Silver.

With Super Tuesday a week away, we may yet be on the cusp of some serious political momentum; if, that is, voters agree enough to elevate a single candidate. If not, a brokered convention may be on the horizon — a looming possibility that could, perhaps, be one GOP mystery more unfathomable than even Gingrich himself.

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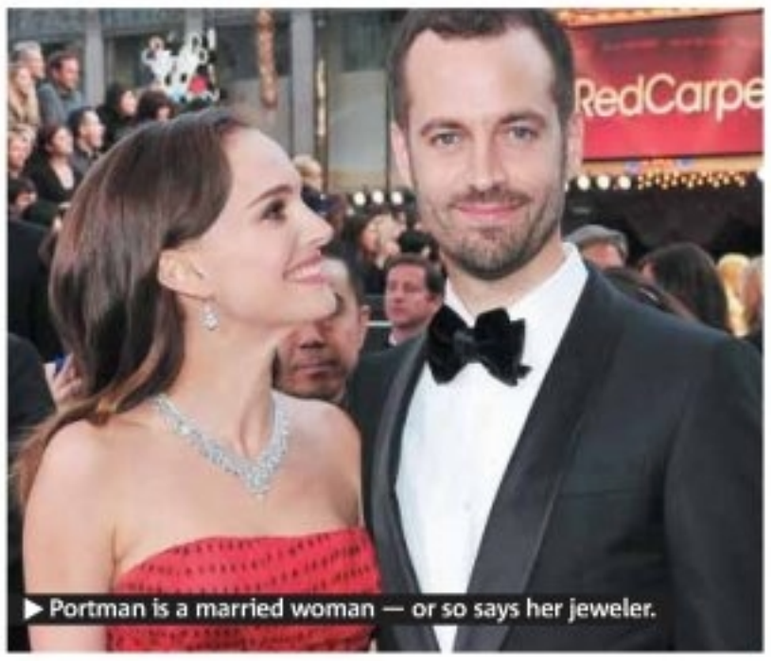
Natalie Portman is married — and didn't invite us

After showing up to the Academy Awards sporting suspicious rings, it seems that **Natalie Portman** and **Benjamin Millepied** did, indeed, get married without telling us. Jeweler **Jamie Wolf** confirms that the couple — who met on the set of "Black Swan" and have a son together — created the wedding bands.

"I designed the rings worn by Benjamin Millepied and Natalie Portman," Wolf told UsMagazine.com. "They were made with recycled platinum and conflict-free diamonds."

Their eco-friendly jeweler leaked the news? This, friends, is what we call a rich person problem.



▶ Portman is a married woman — or so says her jeweler.

Jolie's Oscar leg explained

After we had time to process **Angelina Jolie**'s display of a whole lot of right leg at the Oscars, we moved on to round two: finding answers. (At least we think this is round two — there aren't a whole lot of guidelines here.) Naturally, an unnamed source who is "close to her" was happy to speculate about the pose to Perezhilton.com. "Angie was vamping it up, no more, nothing less," says the source. "She was having fun, living in the moment, like she always does. She is absolutely oblivious to the controversy and attention the sexy pose has created."

This is what we were afraid of. There's no joke, no silly bet with **George Clooney** and **Brad Pitt**, no extra cocktail to blame: She thought this was sexy.

Angelina Jolie, you are Angelina Jolie, undisputed and supreme Hollywood sex symbol. Sticking your bare leg out on stage is the equivalent of **Chris Rock** getting up there and telling recycled "Two and a Half Men" jokes. You're better than this — or, at least, hotter than this.

CHRIS HASTON/NBC

▶ Spader has turned in his two weeks.

Spader is off 'Office'

James Spader is ending his recurring role as the disturbing Robert California on "The Office" after this season. "James always wanted this to be a one-year arc, and he now leaves us having created one of the most enigmatic and dynamic characters in television," said executive producer **Paul Lieberstein** in a statement.

We love a nice exit speech, but he's not even the most "enigmatic" character at Dunder Mifflin. What say you, Dwight Schrute?

Great expectations for Blue Ivy

Blue Ivy Carter is just 7 weeks old, but some are already expecting she'll follow in parents **Beyonce** and **Jay-Z**'s famous footsteps. "She is going to be an entertainer," family friend **Gwyneth Paltrow** tells Hollywood Life. "She just has this glow around her like her mother."

That glow? It's most likely Cheerios dust, Gwyn — give the girl some room.

Talking points

More secret wedding news: Biel and Timberlake

Jessica Biel and **Justin Timberlake** are trying to keep their engagement quiet, but their friends and family aren't really helping. First, Timberlake's grandmother spilled the beans about the singer's proposal, and now Biel's "New Year's Eve" director, **Garry Marshall**, is gushing about their renewed romance. "We talk about it a lot. I hope it all works out. They are terrific kids," Marshall tells Us Weekly. "I love them both. I'm happy for her."

Young claims she's innocent

"Blade Runner" star **Sean Young** was arrested after trying to sneak into the post-Oscars Governors Ball, according to TMZ. The actress, who recently appeared on "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew," made it into the party initially and hobnobbed with the likes of **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** before being asked to leave, as she didn't have a ticket for the event. Sources say she then tried to get back into the party, leading to an altercation with security personnel. Young was booked on a misdemeanor battery charge.

▶ Thurman

Baby on the way for Thurman

Uma Thurman is expecting a baby with financier **Arpad Busson**, her rep confirms to People magazine. And while the actress wasn't necessarily ready to talk about her pregnancy, her friends were more than happy to. "Yes, Uma is pregnant," a Thurman pal tells Life & Style. "She hasn't announced it yet, but a lot of her friends were asking her because they could tell the difference when they saw her at New York Fashion Week. She's usually so skinny, but now she has the cutest little bump and a glow about her." Thurman also has two children with ex-husband **Ethan Hawke**.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Judy Greer is learning new things, Matt Lucas is easily amused, Kelly Osbourne will only go so far for beauty, Steve Martin is behind schedule and Joan Rivers had a wardrobe malfunction.

@missjudygreer
Turns out I married a man who knows every word to every Neil Diamond song ever. This wasn't mentioned in the courting process.

@RealMattLucas
You'll chuckle at this. I just took a shower and I actually did at one point drop the soap.

@MissKellyO
random question what can i do to get rid of puffy eyes from crying? there is no way i am putting hemroid cream on my eyes!

@SteveMartinToGo
Still getting dressed for Oscars.

@Joan_Rivers
Both Jennifer Lopez and I have experienced nipple slips at the Oscars. The only difference is that mine was peeking out of an open-toe shoe.

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The 12 celebs competing on this season's "Dancing with the Stars" get cha-chaing on Monday, March 19, at 8 p.m. on ABC.

Say hello to the new 'Dancing with the Stars' cast

We don't really remember half of these people either, so here's a helpful little cheat sheet.

1. Melissa Gilbert: The former "Little House on the Prairie" star (and sister to **Sara Gilbert**, a host on "The Talk"), returns to ABC after she directed the network's after school special, "Me and My Hormones." Yup, that is true. She'll join tabloid star/pro dancer **Maksim Chmerkovskiy**.

2. Sherri Shepherd: We're a little curious about how Shepherd will manage her time between this show, rehearsals and her gig as a co-host on "The View," but hey, the gal must really love her ABC. She dances with **Val Chmerkovskiy** (and no, that's not a coincidental last name: His brother is **Maksim**).

3. Martina Navratilova: Navratilova is the only tennis player in the world who has won Grand Slam titles in four different decades. The breast cancer survivor has won 59 Grand Slam titles, nine Wimbledon singles championships and 344 tournaments. She's paired with **Tony Dovolani**.

4. Maria Menounos: The actress, author and TV host has a pretty beefy résumé: At 22, she was the youngest person to host "Entertainment Tonight," and she also conducted the only interview with the Obama family during the presidential campaign. She dances alongside **Derek Hough.**

5. Gladys Knight: The diva of soul needs no introduction: She's won eight Grammys during her illustrious career and has recorded more than 38 albums. She was most recently seen in the **Tyler Perry** film "I Can Do Bad All By Myself." Knight is paired with **Tristan MacManus.**

6. Jaleel White: Before there was **Zooey Deschanel**, the most adorkable person on TV was **Steve Urkel**. White returns to network television after stints on "Boston Legal," "House" and the feature film "Dreamgirls." He'll be dancing with two-time champ **Kym Johnson**.

7. Donald Driver: Packers' fans will know Driver as a Super Bowl champ and the All-Time Leading Receiver for the Wisconsin team. He's also authored children's books and founded a charity to help the homeless. He'll dance alongside pro **Peta Murgatroyd**.

8. Roshon Fegan: He's a 20-year-old Disney Channel star who appeared in the "Camp Rock" films and is now on "Shake It Up!" He also writes and produces his own music under his own record label. Impressive! He's paired with **Chelsie Hightower**.

9. Gavin Degraw: Unfortunately, the last we heard of the "I Don't Wanna Be" singer, he was getting beat up by thugs in New York City's East Village. He's back in the news for a better reason now, dancing with last season's winner, **Karina Smirnoff.**

10. Jack Wagner: You might remember him from his days on "General Hospital" and "Melrose Place." Or you might recognize him as **Heather Locklear**'s fiance (until November 2011, at least). He dances with **Anna Trebunskaya**.

11. William Levy: Ay, papi! No stranger to TV, the Latin heartthrob can be seen on Univision's "Triunfo del Amor," the No. 1 telenovela on TV. He'll show off his moves alongside two-time champ **Cheryl Burke.**

12. Katherine Jenkins: She's a Welsh classical singer who is apparently really famous overseas. She'll dance with two-time champ **Mark Ballas.**

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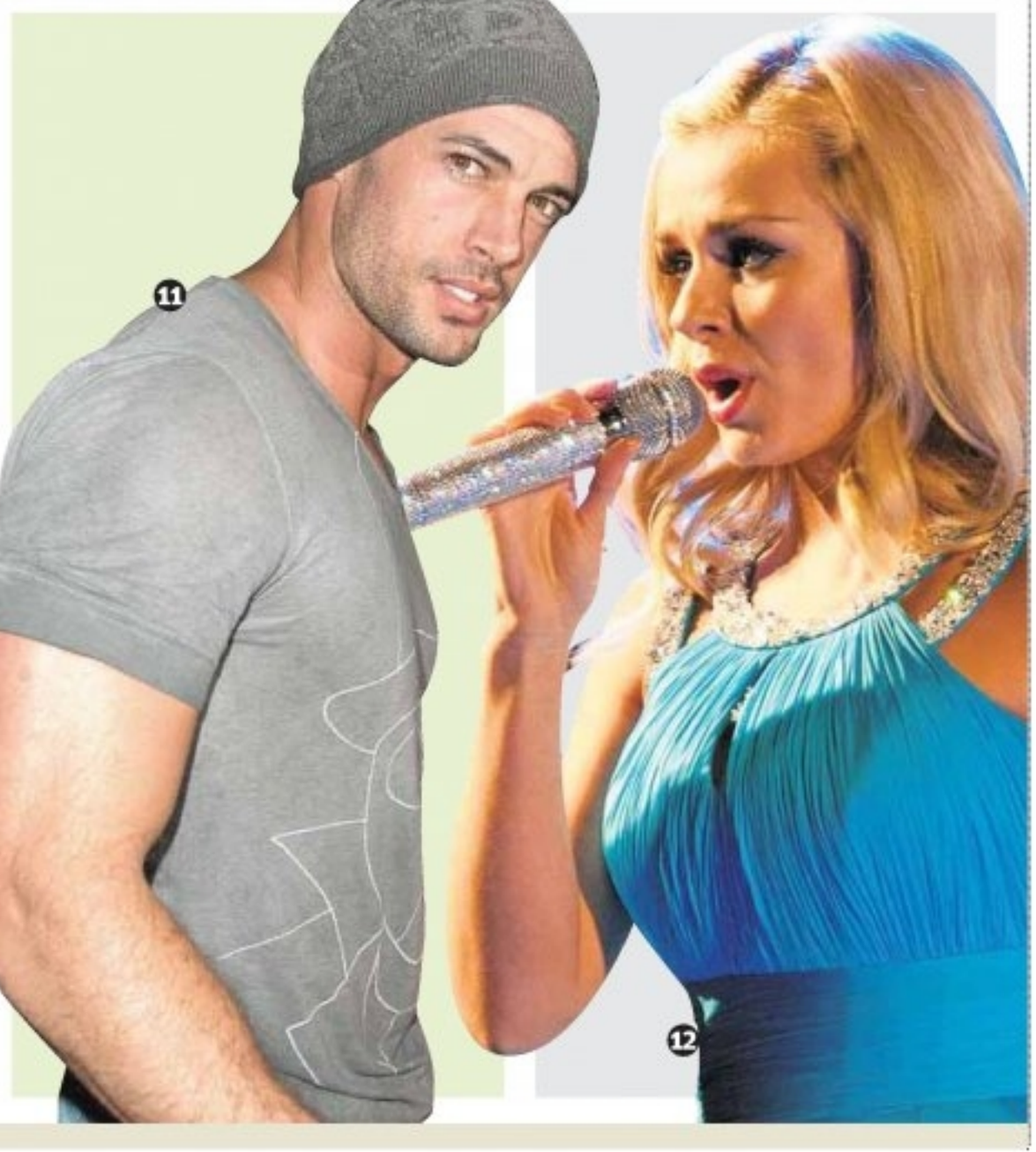

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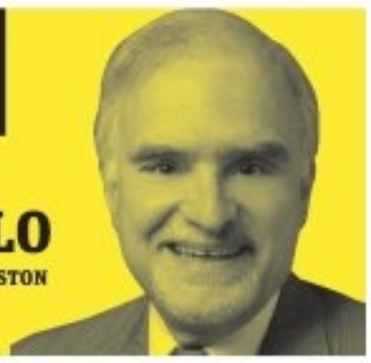

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SPRING INTO MARCH

It's Feb. 29, and it's Sadie Hawkins Day! In lieu of inviting that certain gentleman (or men) to the traditional dance, why not an invitation for lunch, dinner or both during **Restaurant Week Boston**? This semi-annual dining deal — when more than 200 restaurants serve up two- and three-course meals at bargain prices — is in town and beyond from March 18 through 30. For all the details, go to the official website: BostonUSA.com.

March also brings traditional rites of spring, among them **St. Patrick's Day** festivities. The celebration of the green kicks off with the all-female **Celtic Woman** performing classic Irish tunes at the **Wang** on March 9 and 10, while **the Chieftains** return to **Symphony Hall** on March 14. Prefer Irish-American punk rock? Then drop into the **House of Blues** on March 14 through 16 when the **DropKick Murphys** ship up to Boston. Whether of Irish descent or not, the **Irish Heritage Trail** is worth the walk and the country's second largest **parade** steps off on Sunday, March 18.

Another rite of impending spring is the annual **Flower & Garden Show** in bloom at the **World Trade Center** from March 14 to 18. Novices and those already sporting green thumbs will delight in the displays, demonstrations and shared secrets. Families can also celebrate the Vernal Equinox with the **Revels' Spring Sing** on March 24.

Curtain calls are certain for August Wilson's **'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom'** at the **Huntington Theatre**, as well as Robert Lepage's solo drama, **'The Anderson Project,'** and the thought-provoking **'Ameriville,'** both playing at **ArtEmerson's Paramount Center**. The new 25th anniversary production of the legendary musical epic, **'Les Miserables'** is at the **Opera House** March 13 through April 1. See it again for the first time.

Bravos will also be heard at **'Play With Fire,' Boston Ballet**'s captivating contemporary program and Rossini's comic opera **'The Barber of Seville'** performed by the **Boston Lyric Opera** at the **Shubert Theatre**.

Area museums are offering an eclectic array of exhibitions during March. **Shapeshifting**, a survey of Native American art, is showing at the **Peabody Essex** through April 29. At the **ICA**, you can explore color; visually, tactilely and emotionally in **Figuring Color** through May 20. The **DeCordova's Biennial** features the juried work of 23 artists who all live and work in New England. And the unique world of **Mollusks** is on display at the **Harvard Museum of Natural History**, including some we love to eat: snails, clams and squid.

Did you know that on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. admission is FREE at the **ICA**? This is also the case at the **DeCordova** on the first Wednesday of every month. Free admission also reigns every Sunday (9 a.m. to noon) for Massachusetts residents at **HMNH**. And every Friday throughout March (that's five, count 'em) the **OMNI Theatre** at the **Museum of Science** is offering FREE admission to all OMNI films!

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Milan Fashion Week reviews

Roberto Cavalli

1 With the Oscars overlapping, Milan has been surprisingly light on celebrities this week. But Roberto Cavalli made up for it by closing out Italy's shows with none other than one of fashion's starriest models, Naomi Campbell. It was an appropriate ending for a show filled with flamboyantly opulent clothes for the biggest divas — fur-trimmed T-shirts over leggy python bell bottoms, massive fur ball gown skirts with graphic silk blouses and sweeping animal-print, chiffon dresses under tough leather jackets. Each look was richer and more dramatic than the next.

Jil Sander

2 "You can never leave without leaving a piece of you," Billy Corgan sang as the models walked. It's a testament to how Raf Simons made the label his own that the overall sadness about his leaving Jil Sander seemed to overshadow any buzz or excitement about the founder returning to her namesake brand. News that the autumn-winter '12 collection would be Simons' last instantly made the show the week's hottest ticket. And afterward, people talked about it with an "I was there" type of reverence usually reserved for farewell concerts by big rock bands. The sentimentality of it all could have easily eclipsed the clothes, if they weren't so sublime. For one, Simons worked with color, specifically romantic shades of red and soft pastels that gave some much-needed contrast to all the moody black, charcoal and wine we've seen this week. He also continued the outerwear story that has been dominating Milan, but with a lighter, more elegant touch — and thankfully not a dip-dyed fur sleeve in sight. His coats and corseted dresses came in voluminous, vaguely midcentury shapes, and seemed to be an evolution from the full skirts and dresses he showed for spring. The clothes were a continuation and yet, still a definitive end — at least for the house of Jil Sander. In the meantime, we can hope the rumors of his taking over the reins at Christian Dior are true. KENYA HUNT

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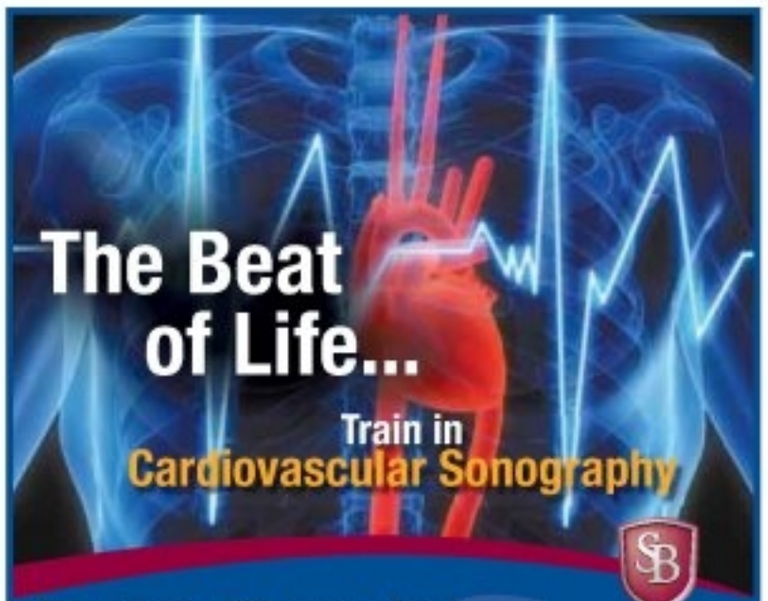

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Don't fear the stylus comeback

You read that right: The electronic pen companion is back with the Samsung Galaxy Note and other devices Why it deserves a revival

There's a trend in smartphones, and some might call it disturbing. Hand-in-hand with the recent surge of phones with gigantic screens comes a surprise visitor, poking its way out of the technological past to stab at us here in the present: the stylus.

First there was the Samsung Galaxy Note, a phone with a massive, 5-inch screen and a pull-out stylus called the S Pen. Now, straight from the Mobile World Congress show in Barcelona, LG just debuted its answer to the Note, the Optimus Vu, another 5-inch phone that sports a stylus. Tablets are getting in on the action, too: The Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 rocks an S Pen, and the new PadFone from Asus has a stylus that also doubles as a Bluetooth headset!

One phone that includes a stylus is an odd throwback. But four devices — that's a clear pattern, one that is rubbing many people the wrong way.

▶ The Samsung Galaxy Note

Commentators from Computerworld to Wired to BetaNews have all chimed in to point out what an anachronistic addition a stylus is to a modern smartphone. It's also the wrong attitude. It still has a place in technology.

First of all, let's remember that the two platforms that were synonymous with the stylus — Palm OS and Windows Mobile (the precursor Windows Phone) — are gone and won't be coming back. Once multi-touch capacitive touch screens like the iPhone's arrived, it was a huge relief to be rid of such frustrating, clunky technology — and stylii all but disappeared.

So why would anyone want to go back to the using an accessory when phones have evolved enough to be instantly sensitive to finger touches? Simple answer: accuracy.

"I like it for its precision," says technologist Adrian Calderon. "Even working on an iPhone, I can often tap with my stylus much faster than I can type with my finger."

The stylus lets Calderon draw with more care in apps like SketchBook; but when the hardware is matched to the stylus, there's even more potential to unlock. The Galaxy Note, for example, has handwriting-to-text ability, letting you transform your dashed-off notes into something practical. Although it's not always dead-on, it's far better then transcription.

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A gaunt frame is what you might see — what you don't are the underlying causes of the disease

While eating disorders are readily associated with anorexic girls supposedly wanting to be model-thin, the reality is far more complex than feminine vanity.

"There are many types of eating disorders," says Dr. Gregg Jantz, founder of A Place of Hope, an eating disorder treatment center, and the author of "Hope, Help, and Healing for Eating Disorders." "For example, there's binge eating and food addiction. An eating disorder is a chronic faulty relationship with food that controls one's life."

Behavior includes binging and purging, starvation, laxative abuse and compulsive overeating; but Dr. Jantz warns that these are all symptoms, not the problem. A complex range of psychological and/or emotional conditions are behind eating disorders, including feelings of inadequacy, depression, anxiety and loneliness. Troubled relationships with family, friends or work colleagues may all play a part. According to Dr. Jantz, young girls and women age 13 to 30 are most at risk, with about 5 percent of eating disorders occurring in males.

Eating disorders can be triggered by a single traumatic event, such as death, divorce or rape — or a degrading comment. They can also take longer to develop, building as traumatic experiences mount up. Focusing on food gives relief to unaddressed emotional pain, until it spirals out of control.

"It becomes an addiction because it controls you despite many attempts to quit," Dr. Jantz says.

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▶ Visit www.nationaleatingdisorders.org to learn about National Eating Disorders Awareness Week events happening in your area.

And though sufferers can exhibit considerable shame about their condition, the stigma is being reduced. Public figures like Lady Gaga and Elton John have come forward about their bouts bulimia, and the National Eating Disorders Awareness Week — currently underway now — seeks to educate the public.

"It makes it safer to get help," says Dr. Jantz. "You realize you're not alone."

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First person

Life with anorexia

Some people live to eat. Others eat to live. With anorexia, I lived to starve. Though I lived with anorexia for many years, I never appreciated how complex eating disorders are or how ravaging their effects.

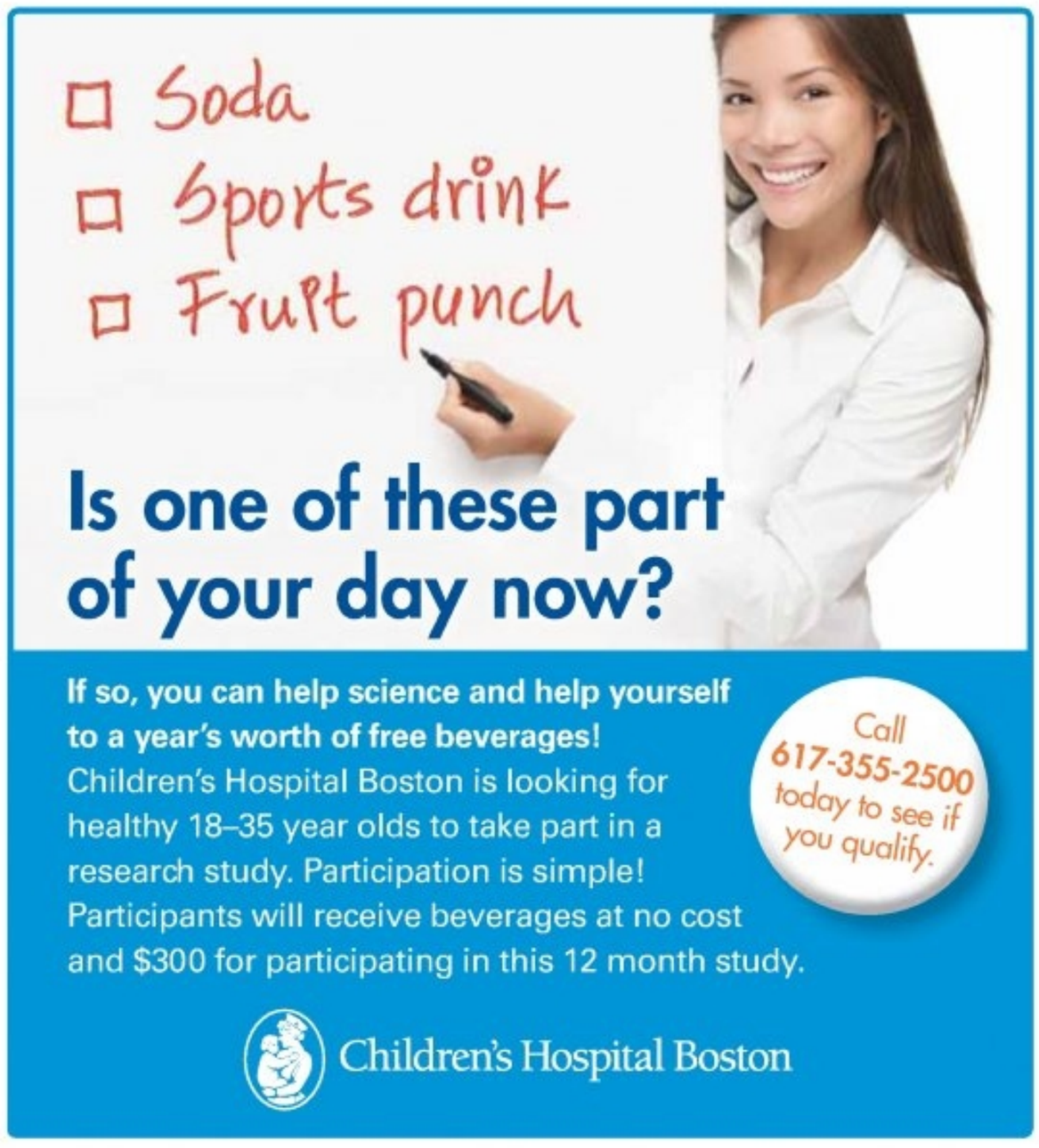
When you see someone who you think has an eating disorder, you see the outward effects of starvation. What is more damaging is the starved spirit, mind and personality.

It's hard to grasp the emotional and mental bondage that traps people in these illnesses. Friends, family, even too few doctors have any idea what goes on in the mind of someone with an eating disorder. This is a barrier to early diagnosis and effective treatment.

There is no one-size-fits-all recovery method. A team approach is needed to address the mental, physical and emotional aspects of these potentially deadly diseases.

—Judith Shaw is an artist and creator of "Body of Work: The Art of Eating Disorder Recovery," a sculptural diary.

▶From March 8-10, you can view Judith Shaw's artwork, including this piece, "Somebody," at Harvard in the Student Organization Center at Hilles (59 Shephard St., Cambridge).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Conservative ideas: Oxymoronic jokes

RE: "MOST OF THE PEOPLE V. CITIZENS UNITED": Devyn Drake is absolutely right that money is not speech (nor is it power!), and corporations are not people. Devyn, I too blame the craziness of the system on the conservative "Justices", contrary to Scalia's quote — it was Scalia, after all, who stole the 2000 election from Gore and gave it to Bush. Now that was crazy! The fact that conservative politicians, judges and voters favor Citizens United tells me that conservative thinking is an oxymoron, just like "Fox news" and "business ethics".
J. ANDREW SMITH, VIA E-MAIL

Obama deserves credit not scorn

It is so sad to see time has not changed. I am not a Muslim, but I know Muslims. Every Catholic priest is not a child molester; not all Muslims are radicals. They who denounce our president and speak of how he is making the U.S. weak are the radicals. Obama has strengthened our country.
DWAYNE ROBINSON, VIA E-MAIL

"Ron Paul will end the wasteful war in Afghanistan."

RE: "RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT WITH SCISSORS": Ron Paul does not support the massive deficit spending that has resulted in today's 15 trillion-dollar long-term debt. He opposes the thousands of congressional earmarks supporting tens of billions of dollars in pork barrel member item spending. Paul is no fan of corporate welfare or spending billions on useless weapons systems supported by Congress but not requested by the Pentagon. Paul will abolish corporate welfare subsides via favorable tax code deductions and start a real campaign against waste, fraud and abuse. He will close down obsolete military bases abroad and reduce United Nations and foreign aid to those who offer us no support when needed. Paul will end the wasteful war in Afghanistan.
LARRY PENNER, VIA E-MAIL

Hey, we didn't kill all of 'em, right?

New reports declare that only 30 percent of the casualties of drone attacks in Pakistan were civilians and 70 percent were militants. That is better news, but not good news. It means we only kill three innocent people out of every ten. That is exactly like our police only killing one citizen every time they kill two criminals in a chase. Would we live with that? **CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL**

Where is Obama's leadership now?

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's tough words on Russia and China's inaction to stop Syria's slaughter of their citizens is just what we needed to hear — from President Obama! Any chance they could trade places?
HERB STARK, VIA E-MAIL

Stomach problems are unsettling

It can be debated which of Rick Santorum's many shortcomings makes him a poor choice for president, but his admission that a speech by Kennedy made him "want to throw up" ought to at least worry the medical community. **DAVID TERHUNE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** When left to your own devices, you're likely to exercise a lot of initiative and will accordingly get things done. But if you feel you're being pushed into doing something, you'll balk.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** When dealing with a person with whom you've had some kind of problem in the past, you're likely to focus only on what bugged you about him or her and not on the present situation.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When other people's assets are put in your hands, consider it a sacred trust. Bend over backward to live up to the expectations of those who have placed their faith in you.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be protective of your self-interest, but don't go to extremes about guarding your position. Be willing to adjust to the will of others when you believe it to be necessary.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You'll only have yourself to blame if you do things that you know will go against your best interest. Make sure you fully consider the consequences of your actions.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You are generally a good shopper when you put your mind to it, but if some irresistible items are dangled in front of you, good intentions could fade.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Do not leave the making of a personally important decision totally up to another. Abdicating your rights could lead to complications that only you might suffer.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Co-workers will resent it if they feel that you are acting in a superior way toward them. If you're not careful, you could quickly slip into this mode when placed in a leadership position.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It's essential to make sure your counterpart is a capable one when dealing together in a financial venture. You'll need to work in harmony to positively affect the bottom line.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You won't be at your best when forced to make a decision under pressure. Take control so that you'll have time to weigh and balance things at your own pace.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Remember, you are the master of your own fate when making and keeping pledges to others. No one will be forgiving if you break your promise and fail to do as you say.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Relying on your hunches regarding a speculative risk is a bad idea. If you think an irrational urge is instead an intuitive perception, you could get yourself in real trouble fast.
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SUDOKU SOLUTIONS: WWW.METRO.US/PUZZLES

Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Who's hot, who's not?

Starting to see some NBA answers in mystifying shortened season ◗ Spurs seem to have found fountain of youth ◗ Same can't be said for Celtics ◗ Pacers a surprise in the East

Hot

What says hot like the Heat? Look, I already said this once, but it warrants mentioning one more time: The Heat are the team to beat this year, like it or not. They cruised into the All-Star Break on an eight-game winning streak and share the best record in the NBA with the Thunder. Good luck slowing them down.

How fitting it would be (or sickening) if it was Larry Bird's Pacers that knocked the Celtics out of the playoffs this season, essentially ending an era for the C's — the same era that Celtics GM Danny Ainge didn't want to see dwindle away, like he watched happen in the old Big Three era. The Pacers are back on track and could make a run at the No. 3 seed.

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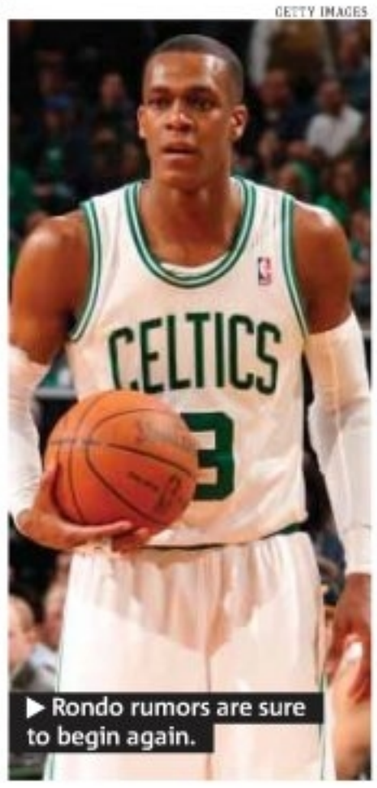

▶ Rondo rumors are sure to begin again.

I didn't consider the Spurs as a legitimate NBA Finals threat because I think they're a little too old and lack depth. But they're 9-1 in their last 10 games prior to Tuesday night, and nearly unbeatable at home (13-1). If they stay hot and land the No. 2 seed in the West (behind Oklahoma City), you can count on them advancing to the Western Conference finals and giving the Thunder a great series. Tony Parker is playing out of his mind right now.

Not

The All-Star Break couldn't have come at a better time for the 76ers, who lost five straight heading into it. It looks like they may level out a bit, but they're too young and deep to slide for too long. The Atlantic Division is by far to be the weakest division in the NBA and Doug Collins' crew should still be the favorite to take the division crown.

Wouldn't it be nice if the Celtics could have gained a few games on the flailing Sixers prior to the break?

Instead, the C's countered that five-game losing streak with one of their own heading into the break. I wish I could say things are looking up for them right now, but the next two weeks will be filled with trade rumors, and it could affect their play even more.

There may not be a more confusing team in the NBA right now than the Trailblazers. Since starting the year 7-2, they've only strung together two wins in a row once. Don't let their 40-point win over San Antonio fool you — the Spurs sat Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. They'll win big, but lose close games, and now they're clinging to the eighth seed.

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Leadership wanted

Sox looking for someone to take Varitek's spot ◗ Valentine can't be only one that's vocal ◗ Youkilis poised for big comeback season

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▶ Kevin Youkilis has a chance to restore his image.

115
Kevin Youkilis had a career-high 115 RBIs in 2008. That number dipped to 94 in 2009.

136
Youkilis played in at least 136 games in the 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 seasons. He played in just 102 games in 2010 and 120 games last season.

12
No. 20? Meet No. 12, Tom Brady, your new brother-in-law. Youkilis is reportedly set to wed Brady's sister Julie.

A few possibilities to take the place of Jason Varitek as locker room leader:

Carl Crawford
Crawford was Tampa Bay's all-time leader in games played, runs, hits, doubles, triples, RBIs and stolen bases. He was also a leader in the Rays clubhouse. It's doubtful that Crawford lost any sleep over Francona or Varitek's departures and now that he's smoothed things over with Bobby V., there's a chance that Crawford could re-gain his stature as a clubhouse commander.

Dustin Pedroia
Sure, he was the ultimate "Francona guy" as the duo would famously play cribbage on road trips and in Francona's Fenway office. But Pedroia was one of the only Sox players who led by example last September. The second baseman had seven hits in the final series in Baltimore.

David Ortiz
With Varitek and Tim Wakefield out of the picture, Ortiz is the longest tenured Red Sox. Without being asked to do so, Ortiz spoke to the team over the weekend and received a standing ovation from teammates.

Kevin Youkilis
Perhaps Youkilis can learn a few leadership pointers from his to-be brother-in-law (Tom Brady, if you haven't heard). Sure he's a hot head, and yes the Jacoby Ellsbury injury storyline won't die, but it seems on the surface that the Sox third baseman took what happened last year personally. He is also very much due for a bounce-back year. Twenty-five-plus home run, 100-plus RBI seasons were the way things were trending for Youkilis just two years ago.

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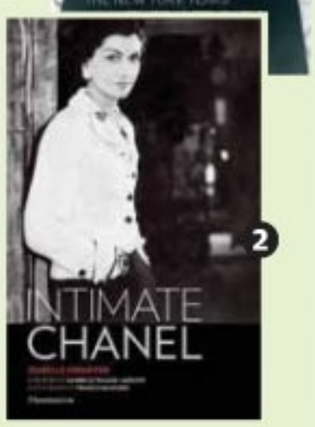
Home picks

Coffee table (book) couture

It's only polite to keep your guests entertained, especially if you're the kind of host who arrives fashionably late to your own soiree. So while you're beautifying, let them lose themselves in two new coffee table books. "Cecil Beaton: The New York Years" and "Intimate Chanel" both delve into the lives of the two icons through previously unseen sketches, letters and photographs. MWN

▶ **1. "Cecil Beaton: The New York Years," $52,** www.amazon.com

▶ **2. "Intimate Chanel," $38,** www.amazon.com



US home prices tumble in December

Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller Home Price Indices report shows prices in 20 cities fell 4% in 2011

United States single-family home prices ended 2011 on a downbeat note as a drop in December prices sent the seasonally adjusted index to its lowest level since 2003, according to a survey yesterday.

The S&P/Case-Shiller composite index of 20 metropolitan areas declined 0.5 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis, in line with economists' expectations, after falling 0.7 percent in November.

The 20-city index fell to 136.63, the lowest level since January 2003.

"After a prior three years of accelerated decline, the past two years has been a story of a housing market that is bottoming out but has not yet stabilized. Up until today's report we had believed the crisis lows for the composites were behind us," David Blitzer, chairman of the index committee at Standard & Poor's, said in a statement.

"The pickup in the economy has simply not been strong enough to keep home prices stabilized. If anything it looks like we might have re-entered a period of decline as we begin 2012."

U.S. stock index futures held at lower levels immediately following the data as investors also took in an earlier report that showed new orders for long-lasting U.S. manufactured goods fell in January by the most in three years.

▶ House prices are continuing to be weak.

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Prices in the 20 cities dropped 4.0 percent year over year, more than forecasts for a decline of 3.6 percent. For the fourth quarter the national index fell 1.7 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis.

"House prices are continuing to be very weak even though we have seen some leveling off on the activity side of the data," says Sean Incremona, economist at 4Cast Ltd in New York. "It is really a tough market for these prices to make any progress."

During 2011, prices declined in 19 out of the 20 cities in the index. Atlanta was hardest hit with a drop of nearly 13 percent. REUTERS

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"It will take some time for that relatively positive activity to filter in to prices, but at the same time we are still looking at foreclosure issues, distressed properties and low absolute levels of activity."

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This ain't your grandmother's wallpaper

Wallpaper is making a major comeback with graphic prints, oversized florals and quirky patterns

Forget everything you already know about wallpaper, because it's no longer a stuffy, dated eyesore from the '70s.

Top designers, including Back Bay interior designer Allison Sheffield, are using it in creative new ways to breathe fresh life into the historically staid wall covering.

Sheffield spoke with us about new trends, the best rooms to use wallpaper in and how to decorate without breaking the bank.

1 The first step in using wallpaper in your home is realizing it doesn't have to be a permanent commitment, says Sheffield.

"I grew up with a mom who knew how to wallpaper. I never saw it as permanent."

2 Ease yourself into it by focusing on a small room, such as a powder room, or an accent wall.

"Doing one wall seems less daunting, or using it in a powder room is [very impactful]. It doesn't take a lot of expensive paper to make a big impact."

Wallpapering an accent wall can take the place of an expensive piece of art to draw the eye to a focal point in the room, says Sheffield. Wallpapering a ceiling is also an option, she says.

"Wallpapering the ceiling in a powder room makes it seem like you are walking into a jewel box."

3 Scraps of wallpaper can be used to line bookshelves or to highlight moldings or woodwork.

If you're still not convinced, many reputable companies are now selling removable wallpaper people can easily hang themselves without the help of a professional.

"If you are renting or don't have the budget to spend a lot on nice paper, it is perfect," says Sheffield.

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▶ Aimee Wilder pigeon wallpaper

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▶ This "City Park" design is from www.flavorpaper.com. And yes, those are fire hydrants.

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GIVING MOM THE BOOT

By Attorney George Warshaw

You may have read about the loving son who filed to evict his 98 year old mother from the home she once owned.

Mrs. Kantorowski deeded her home to her son several years ago. Though he wants to move her to a facility that will better care for her, she doesn't want to go. Perhaps if he wasn't trying to sell the house, his motives might have better credibility.

Mrs. K has one thing on her side. She didn't deed the house directly to her son; she deeded it to him as trustee of a trust for her benefit.

A trustee owes the beneficiaries very special obligations, in this case, mom. It's called "fiduciary obligations". It's a very high standard that courts impose on trustees to act in the best interests of those whose money and property they're holding in trust.

There's a rule in trusts against "self-dealing," meaning a trustee can't use trust property for his personal benefit, unless the terms of the trust permit it. While a trustee may receive a fee for services, he can't sell the house and pocket the money – or so mom hopes.

So when mom goes to court next month, we'll see who gets the boot!

More on this Next Week

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